

IMMIGRANT ACCESS NOTICE

*If you need help to understand English, please let us know. We will get either an interpreter or interpreter service to help us talk with you. **This is a free service.** We can still take your application today. Getting an interpreter will not delay your application or benefits.*

This application may ask you to tell us the social security number and immigration status of everyone living in your household. This notice tells you when you must give us this information and what will happen if you cannot give us the required information.

CITIZENSHIP

- Anyone who wants to receive Medicaid, Health Choice, Food Stamps or Work First benefits must tell us about their citizenship and immigration status.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

- Anyone who wants to receive Medicaid, Health Choice, Food Stamps or Work First benefits must also give us his social security number. If you do not have a social security number, we can help you get one. This will NOT delay your application.
- Social security numbers will NOT be used to report anyone to the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS).

OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS MAY GET BENEFITS IF YOU CANNOT

- If you or any other members of your household are unable to provide proof of eligible immigration status or a valid social security number, that person will be ineligible for benefits. Other household members can still get benefits if they are eligible. You will still need to tell us about your family's income and answer the other questions on the application form.

➤ **BATTERED IMMIGRANTS**

Battered immigrants with verification of their battered status from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services or the Executive Office of Immigration Review may be eligible to receive Medicaid, Health Choice, Food Stamps or Work First benefits. The non-abusive parent of a battered child may also be eligible, regardless of whether the child is an immigrant or a US citizen.

EMERGENCY MEDICAID

- Anyone applying only for emergency Medicaid does not have to provide his or her social security number or information on his or her citizenship or immigration status.

CHANGE IN IMMIGRATION STATUS

- Receiving Medicaid, Health Choice, or Food Stamps benefits does not affect an immigrant's ability to become a Legal Permanent Resident (obtaining a Green Card). An exception to this is the use of long-term institutional care, such as a nursing home.
- Receiving Work First or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) could cause problems for immigrants who are trying to obtain a Green Card, especially if this benefit is your family's only income.
- Refugees and persons granted asylum may receive any benefit, including Work First, without affecting their chances of obtaining a Green Card or becoming a U. S. citizen.